

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

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1. A method for pre-coding in a communication system, comprising:  
2 determining pre-coder parameters;  
pre-coding first data in accordance with said determined pre-coder  
4 parameters;  
transmitting said pre-coded first data; and  
6 transmitting non pre-coded first reference data.
  2. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein determining a pre-  
2 coder parameters comprises:  
receiving a reference data; and  
4 determining the pre-coder parameters in accordance with said received  
reference data and the reference data.
  3. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein determining a pre-  
2 coder parameters comprises:  
receiving the non pre-coded first reference data;  
4 determining the pre-coder parameters in accordance with said received  
non pre-coded first reference data and the first reference data; and  
6 transmitting said determined pre-coder parameters.
  4. The method as claimed in claim 3 further comprising:  
2 receiving said determined pre-coder parameters; and  
providing said determined pre-coder parameters to the pre-coder.
  5. The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein pre-coding first data in  
2 accordance with said determined parameters comprises:  
pre-coding a payload data; and  
4 pre-coding a dedicated pilot data.
  6. The method of claim 1 wherein said transmitting a non pre-coded  
2 reference data comprises:  
transmitting a continuous non pre-coded reference data.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said transmitting a non pre-coded  
2 reference data comprises:  
transmitting a discontinuous non pre-coded reference data.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein said transmitting a non pre-coded  
2 reference data comprises:  
transmitting a pilot data.

9. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:  
2 receiving the non pre-coded first reference data at least two antennae;  
equalizing each of said received non pre-coded first reference data by an  
4 equalizer and provide equalized non pre-coded first reference data;  
determining the pre-coder parameters by adjusting characteristics of the  
6 at least two equalizers in accordance with the received non pre-coded first  
reference data and the first reference data; and  
8 transmitting said determined pre-coder parameters.

10. The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein said determining the  
2 pre-coder parameters by adjusting characteristics of the at least two equalizers in  
accordance with the received non pre-coded first reference data and the first  
4 reference data comprises:  
optimizing a quality metric of a composite data comprising the equalized  
6 non pre-coded first reference data.

11. A method for demodulating pre-coded data, comprising:  
2 receiving a reference data and a pre-coded data; and  
determining demodulator parameters in accordance with the said  
4 received reference data and the reference data; and  
demodulating the pre-coded data in accordance with said determined  
6 demodulator parameters.

12. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the reference data  
2 comprise a non pre-coded pilot signal.

13. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the reference data  
comprise a pre-coded pilot signal.

14. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the reference data are  
2 continuous reference data.

15. The method as claimed in claim 11/ wherein the reference data are  
2 discontinuous reference data.

16. An apparatus for pre-coding in a communication system,  
2 comprising:

4 a pre-coder configured to pre-code data in accordance with pre-coder parameters; and

6 to: a first transmitter communicatively coupled to said pre-coder configured

8            transmit the pre-coded data; and  
9            transmit a non pre-coded first reference data.

17. The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:  
a first receiver communicatively coupled to said pre-coder configured to receive a reference data;

4           a first processor communicatively coupled to said first receiver; and  
           a storage medium communicatively coupled to said first processor and  
 6   containing a set of instructions executable by the processor to:

8                   determine the pre-coder parameters in accordance with said  
received reference data and the reference data.

18. The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:  
a second receiver configured to receive the non pre-coded first reference  
data;

4 a second processor communicatively coupled to said second receiver;  
a storage medium communicatively coupled to said first processor and  
6 containing a set of instructions executable by the processor to:

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8           determine the pre-coder parameters in accordance with said  
received non pre-coded first reference data and the non pre-coded first  
reference data; and

10          a second transmitter communicatively coupled to said second processor  
configured to transmitting said determined pre-coder parameters.

2          19.   The apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein said first receiver  
is further configured to:

4           receive said determined pre-coder parameters; and  
provide said received pre-coder parameters to said pre-coder.

2          20.   The apparatus as claimed in claim 16 wherein said pre-coder is  
further configured to pre-code a second reference data in accordance with the  
determined parameters; and

4           wherein said first transmitter is further configured to transmit the pre-  
coded second reference data.

2          21.   The apparatus as claimed in claim 16 wherein said first transmitter  
is further configured to transmit the non pre-coded first reference data  
continuously.

2          22.   The apparatus as claimed in claim 16 wherein said first transmitter  
is further configured to transmit the non pre-coded first reference data  
discontinuously.

2          23.   The apparatus of claim 16 wherein said non pre-coded first  
reference data comprise a pilot data.

2          24.   The apparatus as claimed in claim 20 wherein said first transmitter  
is further configured to transmit the pre-coded second reference data  
continuously.

2          25.   The apparatus as claimed in claim 20 wherein said first transmitter  
is further configured to transmit the pre-coded second reference data  
discontinuously.

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26. The apparatus of claim 20 wherein said pre-coded second  
2 reference data comprise a dedicated pilot data.

27. The apparatus as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:  
2 at least two equalizers configured to accept the received non pre-coded  
first reference data and provide equalized non pre-coded first reference data;  
4 a processor communicatively coupled to said at least two equalizers;  
a storage medium communicatively coupled to the processor and  
6 containing a set of instructions executable by the processor to determine said  
pre-coder parameters by adjusting characteristics of the at least two equalizers  
8 in accordance with the received non pre-coded first reference data and the first  
reference data; and  
10 a second transmitter communicatively coupled to said processor  
configured to transmit the determined pre-coder parameters.

28. The apparatus as claimed in claim 16 wherein said processor  
2 determines said pre-coder characteristics by adjusting characteristics of the at  
least two equalizers in accordance with the non pre-coded first reference data  
4 the first reference data by executing a set of instructions to:  
optimize a quality metric of a composite data comprising the equalized  
6 non pre-coded first reference data.

29. An apparatus for demodulating pre-coded data, comprising:  
2 a first receiver configured to:  
receive a reference data and a pre-coded data; and  
4 determine demodulator parameters in accordance with the said  
received reference data and the reference data; and  
6 a demodulator communicatively coupled to said receiver configured to  
demodulate the pre-coded data in accordance with said determined  
8 demodulator parameters.

30. The apparatus as claimed in claim 29 wherein the reference data  
2 comprise a non pre-coded pilot signal.

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2 31. The apparatus as claimed in claim 29 wherein the reference data  
comprise a pre-coded pilot signal.

2 32. The apparatus as claimed in claim 29 wherein the reference data  
are continuous reference data.

2 33. The apparatus as claimed in claim 29 wherein the reference data  
are discontinuous reference data.

2 34. A digital signal processing apparatus for pre-coding in a  
communication system, comprising:  
memory storage unit; and  
4 a digital signal processor communicatively coupled to said memory  
storage unit, and capable of executing instructions to:  
6 determine pre-coder parameters;  
pre-code first data in accordance with the determined pre-coder  
8 parameters; and  
assist in preparing the pre-coded first data and non pre-coded first  
10 reference data for transmission.

2 35. A digital signal processing apparatus for demodulating pre-coded  
data in a communication system, comprising:  
memory storage unit; and  
4 a digital signal processor communicatively coupled to said memory  
storage unit, and capable of executing instructions to:  
6 accept a reference data and a pre-coded data;  
determine demodulating parameters in accordance with the accepted  
8 reference data and the reference data; and  
demodulate the pre-coded data in accordance with the determined  
10 demodulating parameters.

2 36. An apparatus for pre-coding in a communication system,  
comprising:  
means for determining a pre-coder parameters;

4 means for pre-coding first data in accordance with said determined pre-coder parameters;

6 means for transmitting said pre-coded first data and a non pre-coded first reference data.

37. An apparatus for demodulating pre-coded data, comprising:

2 means for receiving a reference data and a pre-coded data; and

4 means for determining demodulator parameters in accordance with the said received reference data and the reference data; and

6 means for demodulating the pre-coded data in accordance with said determined demodulator parameters.

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